

from the committee appointed to consider of the resolution of congress of the 15th instant, and report thereon; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of claims estimate and report to the convention a proper allowance to the surgeons and adjutant, who attended the minute companies commanded by the captains James Kent and William Henry, when ordered on duty to the assistance of Northampton and Accomack counties in Virginia.

Ordered, That the petition of the lieutenants Uriah Forrest, William Sprigg Bowie, and Benjamin Brooks, against captain John Gunby, be postponed for consideration till to-morrow.

On reading a second time the petition of the freemen belonging to the 29th battalion, and considering the same, *Resolved*, that it be dismissed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the council of safety be empowered immediately to contract with proper persons to raise the vessels lately sunk in Patapsco river for the preservation of Baltimore town; and to rig and put those vessels in the same state that they were before they were sunk. And the said council of safety for the time being be also empowered to appoint proper persons, not less than three, who on oath shall ascertain and return the difference of value, if any, of the same vessels, occasioned by the sinking thereof. And that the same council of safety pay the expenses of raising the said vessels and putting them in order as aforesaid, out of the public money, as well as any actual expenses incurred by the owners for wages and maintenance of the crews of the said vessels, and a reasonable monthly allowance for the time the vessels have been and shall be out of the possession and power of their owners.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the late intercepted letters to governor Eden, the proceedings of the continental congress, and the council of safety of this province, thereupon, being read, *Ordered*, That the same be referred for further consideration till to-morrow.

Convention adjourns till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, May 21, 1776.

Convention met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Tyler appeared in the house.

Ordered, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to captain William Henry five hundred and forty-four pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, to discharge the pay and subsistence of his minute company.